

DEMAND FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANT.

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Sir, I beg to move for an additional grant of Rs. 470 for the construction of an enclosure wall for the Kulanada public market in the Tiruvalla taluk. Formerly, an amount of Rs. 10,000 to 12,000 was allotted in the Budget every year for the improvement of markets. In 1100 the amount sanctioned in the Budget was only Rs. 2,000—by the *budget* I mean the Land Revenue Budget. Therefore, funds were not found for this particular work which was considered essential. It is for this reason that I move for an additional grant of Rs. 470.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): May I know from the Chief Secretary how long this particular Kulanada market has been in existence?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): It is a new market; it is but two years since it was opened.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Is the Chief Secretary in a position to tell the House the amount of fees collected from this particular market?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I have no information at present.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether this expenditure has already been incurred or whether the Government anticipates it?

PRESIDENT: The member is out of order as the Chief Secretary is not in possession of the House just now.

The motion was accepted and the grant was made.

BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR 1101.

PRESIDENT: Members of the Legislative Council, the Budget Estimates for the year 1101 will now be presented by the Financial Secretary to Government and, under Rule 47 of the Legislative Council Rules, the debate on the Budget will begin with a general discussion and be followed by the voting of demands for grants. Saturday, the 1st, and Monday, the 3rd August, 1925, will be devoted to the general discussion. The discussion on the demands and voting on them will take place from Thursday, the 6th August, to Thursday, the 13th August, the maximum time of seven days allowable for the purpose having been allotted. The demands will be discussed in the order in which they have been printed in the statement, copies of which have already been furnished to you. Three out of the seven days may be devoted to Land Revenue, Education and Public Works, each of these demands being given not more than one day. The remaining demands will have to be

dealt with before the close of the 7th day ; and not more than half a day can be allotted to any one demand. At the end of the time allotted for the discussion of each demand all pending motions in respect of it will automatically lapse ; and at 5 o'clock on the evening of the last of the days allotted, every question in connection with the disposal of all outstanding matters in connection with demands for grants will be put to the House under Rule 49 (3).

As in previous years, each member other than the Financial Secretary will be allowed, during the general discussion stage, not more than 20 minutes. When voting on demands for grants, every mover and the official member who has the right of reply will be allowed 10 minutes each, the other members being given 5 minutes each. Following the precedent in past years, these motions for reduction need not be seconded. Government will be glad if the non-official members will, at the general discussion stage, afford sufficient time to the official members to reply to the points raised. Printed forms have been supplied to the members for sending in their motions for reduction.

Mr. George will now present the Budget for 1101 M. E.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Sir, I rise to introduce the budget estimate of the State for the year 1101. When I presented the budget of the current year, I estimated that in 1099 we would realise a revenue of Rs. 200.52 lakhs and spend Rs. 197.03 lakhs, resulting in a surplus of Rs. 3.49 lakhs. At the same time, I frankly admitted the unavoidable uncertainty in the estimates caused by the unprecedented floods which occurred last year after the revised estimates were framed and I asked the House to be prepared for a deficit rather than a surplus. It is however a matter for real satisfaction that my apprehensions have proved to be groundless. From the accounts of 1099, it will be seen that the year closed with a surplus of Rs. 4.06 lakhs, the revenue receipts having amounted to Rs. 199.54 lakhs and the expenditure met from revenue to Rs. 195.48 lakhs. The difference between the revised estimates and the actuals was a decrease of Rs. .98 lakh under receipts and of Rs. 1.55 lakhs under expenditure. This variation is trifling in an estimate of nearly Rs. 2 crores. Briefly, the fall in the revenue was under Excise and Customs, both together contributing a decrease of Rs. 1.38 lakhs. This was due to the dislocation of trade and business on account of the floods. The decrease of Rs. 1.55 lakhs under expenditure was the result mainly of small increases and decreases under several major heads, the chief item being a lapse of Rs. .87 lakh under Education.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR 1100.

Before proceeding to review our financial position for the current year, there are two subjects of some importance to which I wish briefly to refer. The first is the scheme for a State-aided Bank for